

BCC Kids Clubs Child Safeguarding Statement

Our clubs are a place for children from pre-school to age 12 to learn and practise faith in Jesus Christ in a welcoming and fun environment. We are committed to the children's welfare at all times, with suitable levels of trained and vetted volunteer leaders.

Clubs take place at The Centre during BCC Celebrations.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Physical hazards in venue	Parents escort children up and down stairs Leaders supervise all activities Dangerous tools/materials kept out of sight and/or locked away.
2	Inappropriate internet access	Strict supervision of any internet-based activity
3	Harm from adults & other children	Recruitment, vetting, training & supervision policy

Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

Implementation & Review

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on **30th June 2021** or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____

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